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In re Application of:)
Takehiko TSUCHIYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2128
Application No.: 09/606,148) Examiner: Chang, Sunray
Filed: June 29, 2000)
For: CIRCUIT DESIGNING APPARATUS,)
CIRCUIT DESIGNING METHOD, AND)
COMPUTER READABLE RECORDING)
MEDIUM STORING A CIRCUIT)
DESIGNING PROGRAM)

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, the period for response to which extending through April 5, 2004, Applicants make the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings are made in the attached replacement sheets and are discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper beginning on page 10.

Attachments to this paper include four (4) replacement drawing sheets, including Figures 1, 2, 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B.